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SUBJ: SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO PARIS; FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO STOCKHOLM

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1. SVERKER ASTROM, WHO HAS BEEN NAMED AS SWEDEN'S NEXT AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, WILL ARRIVE IN PARIS IN MAY, FRESH FROM AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF LEAVE AND A THREE-MONTH GOODWILL TOUR AROUND THE GLOBE. ASTROM, WHO IS PERHAPS SWEDEN'S MOST RENOWNED DIPLOMAT, IS A FORMER SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE TOP JOB IN THE CAREER SERVICE. REPAIR CONTAINS ESSENTIAL BIO INFORMATION.

2. ASTROM'S NEW DEPUTY IN PARIS WILL BE ORJAN BERNER, ONE OF MFA'S BRIGHTER YOUNG STARS. BERNER, A 40-YEAR-OLD BACHELOR, HAS DONE STINTS AT THE UN, IN PEKING, AND IN MOSCOW. HIS LAST JOB WAS AS HEAD OF THE MFA'S UN DIVISION. BERNER OPTED FOR THE PARIS JOB OVER AN OFFER TO RETURN TO NEW YORK. EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE DEALT WITH HIM EXTENSIVELY ON A BROAD RANGE OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES, FIND HIM HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND QUIETLY EFFECTIVE, THROUGH NOT ALWAYS COMPLETELY FORTHCOMING.

3. STOCKHOLM PRESS REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT GERARD GAUSSEN, A FORMER FRENCH CONGEN IN NEW YORK, HAS BEEN NAMED NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE BIO MATERIAL ON GAUSSEN.

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